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POWERS OF X

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I am immortal, and I have no end.

-APOCALYPSE

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X²: The X-Men. Year One Hundred.
The Temple of Concordance. The Church of Ascendancy.
All humans are *slaves.*
It's only when we embrace our fallen nature and accept ***their dominance*** that one can truly understand the message of ***our masters.***
Hear their words!
You must reject your humanity!
Every last shred of it.
Most of all, you must ***reject*** the *human heretics* who still believe that mankind can *improve* on our *flawed design.*
These *genetic manipulators* and *freethinkers* would have you believe that fate lies in your own hands and not the great machines of change, but they are ***wrong.***
Watch and I will show you ***change!*** Watch and I will show you ***true evolution!***

Yes... my *truth* is *pain.*
But *truth* is not the worst of it.
WWAAAIEEEE!
NO. What follows is. The living with it. *Enduring the dichotomy.*
Knowing there is something perfect trapped in your flawed human shell, reminding you of both what you *were* and what you will never fully *be.*
This is what real worship has taught us:
Better to *serve* in heaven than *rule* in human hell.
BOOOOM!

You would think--*with my nihilist bent*--I would have some small affinity for human apocrypha...
...but look at me, on a suicide mission facing sweet oblivion and sure of only one thing:
I had hoped for more from humanity. A little more *pride*. A little more *grace*.
Yet here they are...
"...in all their *glory*."

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SURVIVING SOL MUTANTS

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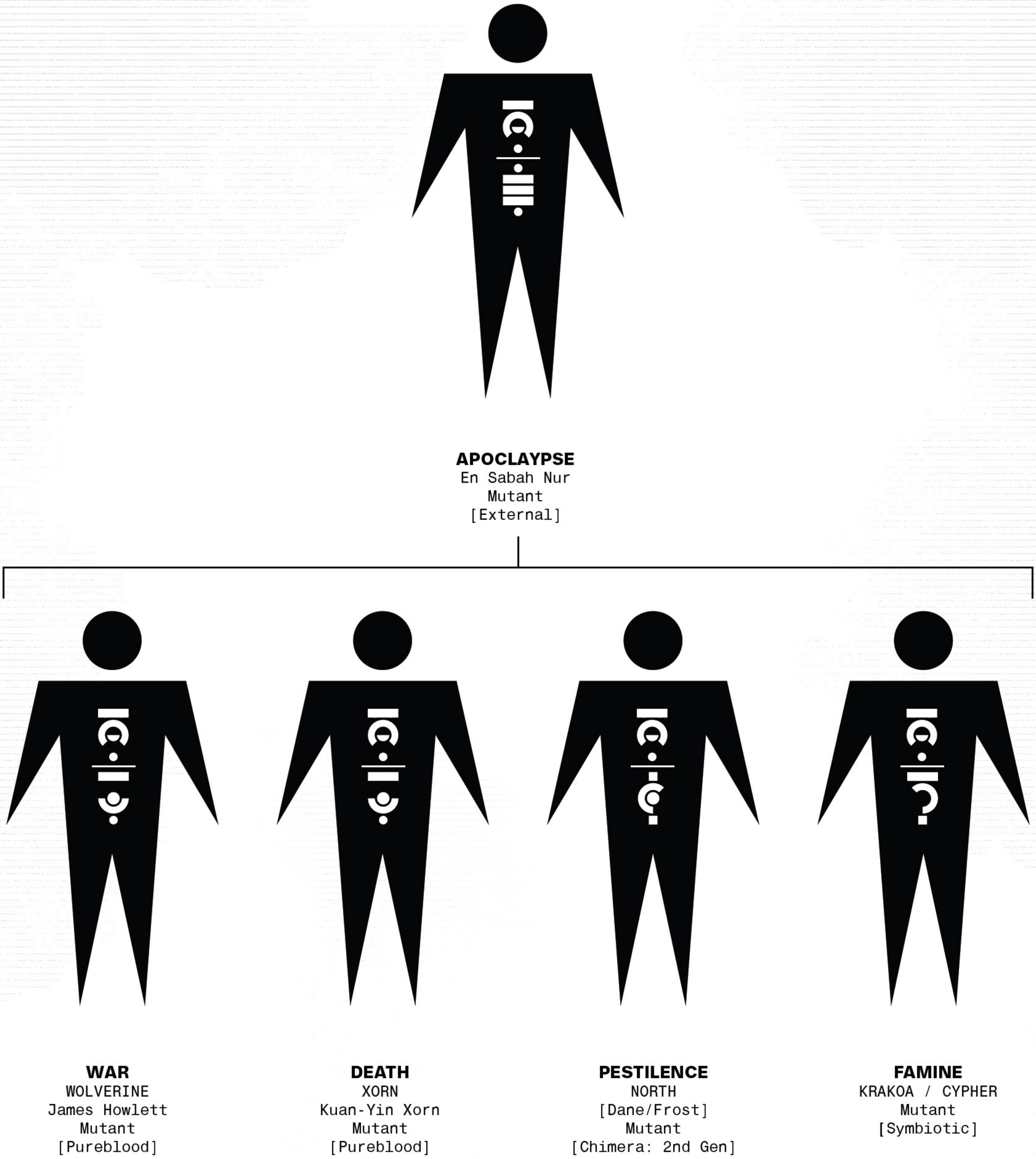

APOCLAYPSE
En Sabah Nur
Mutant
[External]

WAR
WOLVERINE
James Howlett
Mutant
[Pureblood]

DEATH
XORN
Kuan-Yin Xorn
Mutant
[Pureblood]

PESTILENCE
NORTH
[Dane/Frost]
Mutant
[Chimera: 2nd Gen]

FAMINE
KRAKOA / CYPHER
Mutant
[Symbiotic]

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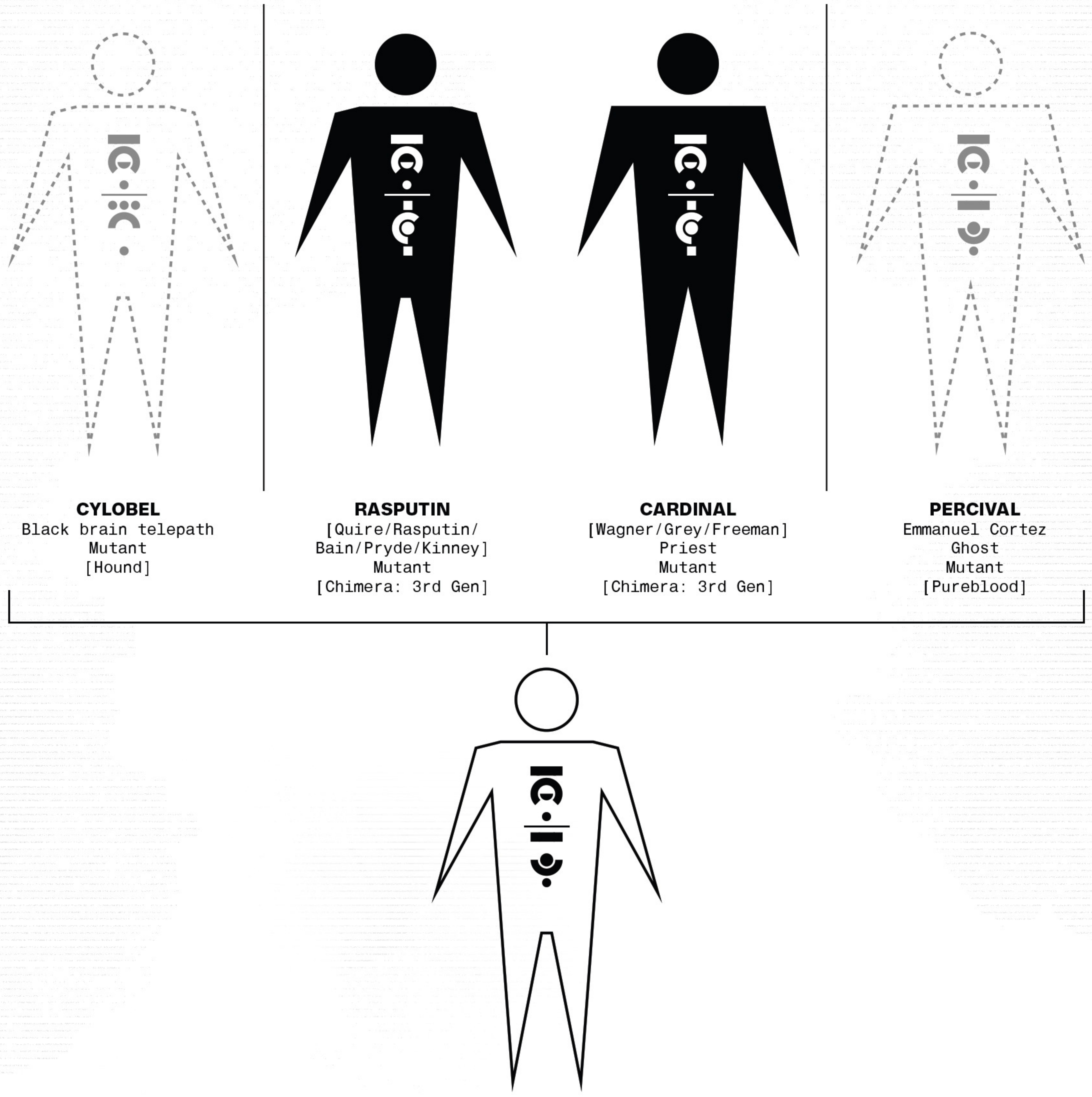

CYLOBEL
Black brain telepath
Mutant
[Hound]

RASPUTIN
[Quire/Rasputin/
Bain/Pryde/Kinney]
Mutant
[Chimera: 3rd Gen]

CARDINAL
[Wagner/Grey/Freeman]
Priest
Mutant
[Chimera: 3rd Gen]

PERCIVAL
Emmanuel Cortez
Ghost
Mutant
[Pureblood]

MOTHER
Akkaba
Mutant
[Pureblood]

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[KOA].............[X....1]

The Church of the Ascendancy is on fire.
And why should I care? I'm busy disassembling the variables of our recent incursion and can't be bothered with...*man.*
Dare I say let it burn? ***I think so.*** It's been far too long since we made fire and ash of the humans.
The feed from the human response team is saying it's ***the mutants.***
The city has retasked all available Sentinel brigades to intercept.
Why would the mutants attack the Church?
In the past they have always sought to free the humans in some hope that together they might overcome the inevitability of, *well*...***me.***

I'm not sure there's any common ground left between the two. I've spent quite a bit of time among them. *Observing* and *analyzing* the branching strains of *Homo sapien* culture.
Any hope of cohabitation died some time ago. In fact, while they use the ***same words,*** they don't actually speak the ***same language*** anymore.
Such a pity, the tragedy of it.
It's a wonder I can sleep at night.
We don't sleep at all, Nimrod.
In fact, that's what the mutants think is wrong with us-- *that we do not dream.*
And what good are dreams?
That dream of theirs is almost as ***extinct*** as *they are.*
What?

Their *inconsistency of action* bothers me. We should ***investigate.***
Their *inconsistency of action* implies either a ***flawed nature***--not unreasonable given the subjects we are talking about--or some ***other agenda*** not yet defined.
Either way, I won't be joining you. *I care for neither.*
Suit yourself.
...
I always do.

AARGGH!
Wh-why are you doing this?
I'm a *pacifist* who's been pushed to the brink. But even for those like me, there comes a time when a point must be made...
So today I ate a terminal apocalypse seed to overcome my genetic predisposition to nonviolence--*but I'd choose my end over yours any day.*
You betray your own *for what?*
The favor of those who find contempt in your very existence?
I do it for the *Great Machine* who is our better.
I do it for my god.

AAIIEE!
Huh?
See God, mutant…
"She is here. *NOW.*"
Finally, sweet annihilation. I have waited so long for this day to arrive.
They brought everyone…*as expected.*
We need to hold them off, Xorn…distract them…

"...We have to buy the others enough time."
I am older than even the idea of machines. In that time, I have changed...but the smell of Thebes never has.
There is death here.
Yeah. You haven't been here in a while--that's how the whole planet smells now.
How long is it going to take to find what we need, kid?
Not long.
Thanks to our earlier sacrifice, I know exactly where to look in the archives to find out when Nimrod came online.

ALERT!!! ALERT!!!
What's this...?
Ah! Some *other agenda* indeed.

Got it!
We can go.
Quickly, then, before th--
Hold up.
Sniff sniff
There's something not quite--
Right.

AARGGGHHHHHH!
Interesting that I find you here...
There's nothing located in this sector except *old data* and ***machine lore.***
I wonder... whatever were you looking for?

"Stay..."
...stay back.
I've just received word...
It seems Nimrod was correct. Your allies have been located and are being dealt with.
This distraction will not serve any greater purpose than being an ***end to you*** and an ***inconvenience to me.***
Yeah, well, here's an inconvenience...he has a singularity in his head. If I remove this mask... then all of this will be gone in an instant.
So I'm not going to tell you again... ***stay back.***
No. Come closer...*this is the ending I have always wanted.*
A singularity?
I don't think you will. You people care too much about holding on...even when you have nothing to hold on to.
Besides...do you have any idea what lies at the heart of a real ***black hole?*** I'll give you a hint--*it's where we're headed... it's where we're **all** headed.*

You know what? You're right. *I don't* know...
No.
"So let's *find out.*"

Here! Take this! You know what to do with it.
No. You go. I'll stay.
If you could see what you look like, you would know how foolish that sounds.
Go...
...I'll be right behind you.

Apocalypse...
The mutant immortal.

Older than the world...
The fittest of all.

How sad this must be...
...to know that *natural selection* has brought you *here.*
Wake up, Moira...
...*I have it.*

Apocalypse knew we might be on a clock, so he created some kinda way to force-feed the information you'd need into your mind.
Hold still.
AAHHHHH!
Got it?
Yes.
What now?
If we succeeded, the *old man* said to send you on **your way.**
Because there's nothing left to save here.

I...I'm sorry.
SNIKT
It's okay...
I have what I need now.
And this...
...this is what you do.
So ended the *ninth life* of *Moira X.*

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And should forever end, let me die in battle, surrounded by my fallen enemies and with blood on my sword.

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THE NINTH LIFE OF MOIRA X

LIFE ONE
LIFE TWO
LIFE THREE
LIFE FOUR
LIFE FIVE
LIFE SEVEN
LIFE EIGHT
LIFE NINE
LIFE TEN

YEAR 1
Moira Kinross
born.

YEAR 13
MUTANT
MANIFESTATION

YEAR 44
Moira dies in
plane crash.

YEAR 42
Moira dies in
laboratory fire.

YEAR 43
Moira injured in Sentinel
attack (coma).

YEAR 44
Genocide at
Faraway.

YEAR 49
Moira dies after discovering
wild Master Mold facility.

YEAR 38
Moira dies in failed
prison escape.

YEAR 42
Apocalypse
War begins.

YEAR 45
Avengers World
defeated.

YEAR 49
Mutants overrun Asia.
Establish the capital cities
of Akkaba, Kyr and Tian.

YEAR 47
Moira/Xavier/
Magneto schism.

YEAR 49
Genocide at
Genosha.

YEAR 88
Black brain
hounds created.

YEAR 94
Fourth generation of
Sinister chimeras.

YEAR 98
Fall of Krakoa. Death
of first Horsemen.

YEAR 100
Collapse of Mars.
Asteroid K established.

YEAR 101
Mutant exodus to
Shi'ar space.

YEAR 104
Moira and Apocalypse
formulate plan to
eliminate Nimrod.

YEAR 107
Black brain hound assassination
attempt on Apocalypse. Moira
injured and placed in stasis.

YEAR 113
Destruction of SalCen
Khennil. End of hound
breeding program.

YEAR 123
Moira dies after receiving
Nimrod origin files.

READING ORDER

TWO SERIES THAT ARE ONE:

HOUSE OF X #1:	JULY 24, 2019
POWERS OF X #1:	JULY 31, 2019
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POWERS OF X #3:	AUGUST 21, 2019
HOUSE OF X #3:	AUGUST 28, 2019
HOUSE OF X #4:	SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
POWERS OF X #4:	SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
HOUSE OF X #5:	SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
POWERS OF X #5:	SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
HOUSE OF X #6:	OCTOBER 2, 2019
POWERS OF X #6:	OCTOBER 9, 2019

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